



CounterBalance Theater

Madame Modjeska's Fairytale

Enjoy a unique hybrid of physical theater & storybook animation on a whimsical California adventure

Take a trip through **Helena Modjeska's** whimsical and imaginative fairytale. A renowned Polish Shakespearean actress, **Modjeska's** story follows fantasy characters as they explore the canyons surrounding her home. Having relocated to the Wild West of Southern California in 1890, **Modjeska's** cultural influence stretched across the region. Her estate and namesake canyon, both featured in this film, remain Southern California landmarks.

Award-winning director, **Annie Loui** and her Southern California based physical theater company, **CounterBalance Theater** present the worldwide premiere of **Madame Modjeska's Fairytale**. This experimental short film, based on Modjeska's work, combines **CounterBalance's** characteristic physical theater with charming story-book animation, hand-drawn illustrations from Modjeska's original work, and site-specific footage from the beautiful canyon and estate that bears her name.

Founded by director **Annie Loui** in 2012, **CounterBalance Theater** has since devised countless productions based on their mission to construct physical theater based on great literature. **CounterBalance** celebrates the timelessness of the classics, re-telling stories viscerally for a contemporary audience as well as presenting premieres of contemporary writers, including **Chuck Mee**. Working out of the Grotowski Barn, (the site of **Jerzy Grotowski's** "Objective Drama" research,) **CounterBalance** is thrilled to make their Edinburgh Fringe debut!

Praise for CounterBalance Theater:

'Deliciously spirited production'

-LA Times

Winner LA Times' 'Best Production' Award

Winner OC Weekly's 'Best Play' Award

Back Stage NYC 'Best Bets of the Year'

Listings information

Venue: **Online@theSpaceUK**
 Dates: 6-30 August 2021
 Time: N/A - Streaming (0hr20min runtime)
 Ticket prices: £5.00
 Fringe box office: 0131 226 0000 / www.edfringe.com
 Suitable for all ages

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